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SUBJECT: FIJI PUBLIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION (FPSA) CRITICIZES
PEACE CORPS

REF: WELLINGTON 668

1. WELLINGTON BROADCASTS STEM FROM PARA 34 OF FPSA ANNUAL
REPORT FOR 1976, JUST ISSUED. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"IT IS CLEAR THAT SOME OF THE SO-CALLED AID EXPERTS
ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED HERE AND DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE OUR
TROPICAL SHORES FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT LIFE HERE IS
EXTREMELY HAPPY FOR THEM. TO ILLUSTRATE THE POINT, AN
IMPORTANT MINISTRY HAS A NUMBER OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF KEY POSITIONS BECAUSE THEY HAVE
DEGREES FROM SOME OBSCURE AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. THESE
VOLUNTEERS ARE NOTHING BUT NOVICES IN THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS
AND, APART FROM THEIR PROFESSIONAL INCOMPETENCE, THEIR
PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT IS REGARDED AS DISGRACEFUL
FOR THOSE EMPLOYED IN A PUBLIC OFFICE. THEN AGAIN, A
NUMBER OF OTHER AID SOURCES INSIST ON IMPOSING THEIR
PERSONNEL ON US UNDER THE AGE OLD ADAGE OF "HE WHO PAYS
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THE PIPER PLAYS THE TUNE." (SIC) A NUMBER OF AID PERSONNEL FROM
THESE SOURCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE HOPELESSLY LACKING IN
KNOWLEDGE OF FIJI'S SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND ITS LIFE STYLES
AND HAVE THUS BECOME UNBEARABLE MISFITS IN OUR SOCIETY."

2. ALTHOUGH PRESS AND RADIO HERE HAVE CARRIED STORIES
RECENTLY ON FPSA COMPLAINTS ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF ALLEGED

OVER-EMPLOYMENT OF EXPATRIATES TO DISADVANTAGE OF FIJIANS,
PEACE CORPS HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY LOCAL MEDIA.
ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR BELIEVES FPSA CRITICISM IN
ANNUAL REPORT MAY HAVE IMMEDIATE ROOTS IN GOF BUREAU OF
STATISTICS WHERE TWO VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED IN WORK, AT
INSISTANCE OF BUREAU DIRECTOR, THAT THEY BELIEVE COULD
BE DONE BY FIJIANS.

3. THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT INCREASED PCV NUMBERS
HERE HAS RESULTED IN VISIBILITY PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY
AMONG VOLUNTEERS WHOSE STANDARDS OF APPEARANCE ARE LOW
OR ECCENTRIC. ACTING DIRECTOR AND I HAVE AGREED THAT HE
WILL CAUTION VOLUNTEERS ON THIS AND COME DOWN HARD ON THOSE
THAT INSIST ON REMAINING SLOVENLY.
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